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From: Ben Rubenson <ben@surfridersd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:48 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Agenda Item 7: Sustainable Materials Management Implementation Plan

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

As a concerned resident in South Carlsbad, I urge you to move forward with a comprehensive single-use plastics ordinance that has the potential to save businesses money while helping keep our beautiful coastline clean.

Unfortunately, disposable serveware items are consistently among the top items found during beach cleanups and are routinely seen as litter when visiting our beaches. In fact, a recent research study found that "takeaway food and drink litter dominates ocean plastic."^{1 2}

As a first step, please consider taking action against this unnecessary waste by enacting a single-use plastic reduction ordinance that will, at minimum, ensure that all food establishments provide utensils, straws, stirrers, and other takeout service-ware items **only upon request** and will provide a phased approach to eliminating polystyrene (Styrofoam™) and other difficult to recycle plastic serveware items.

Thank you for your time,

Ben Rubenson

¹ Morales-Caselles, C., Viejo, J., Martí, E. *et al.* An inshore-offshore sorting system revealed from global classification of ocean litter. *Nat Sustain* 4, 484–493 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-021-00720-8>

² Carrington, Damian. "Takeaway food and drink litter dominates ocean plastic, study shows." The Guardian. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jun/10/takeaway-food-and-drink-litter-dominates-ocean-plastic-study-shows>. Accessed 11 June 2021.

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From: Gina Ruiz <ginaru6@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:06 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Agenda Item 7: Sustainable Materials Management Implementation Plan

Honorable Council Members and Mayor,

My name is Gina Ruiz. I am writing to you today in support of the Sustainable Materials Management Implementation Plan. Climate Change is a true emergency and I urge the council to act on behalf of citizens to pass this plan. Single-Use plastics are directly related to the Climate crisis and are something that can be addressed immediately. I am also in support of a Skip the Stuff Ordinance, followed by a phase-out of styrofoam. These are efforts which can make a significant impact toward climate solutions. I urge you to support this plan as well as the Declaration of a Climate Emergency.

Thank you for your service,
Gina Ruiz

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From: Susan Burke <luvjobim@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:11 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Agenda Item 7: Sustainable Materials Management Implementation/Agenda Item 8: Declaration of a Climate Emergency

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I am writing to encourage you to adopt Agenda Items 7 and 8.

The implementation of a Skip the Stuff ordinance (utensils, straws, stirrers etc. provided upon request) and the phase-out of Styrofoam as soon as possible with additional bans to follow over time is a responsible and reasonable response to the plastic disaster that is destroying our places of beauty and threatening our children's quality of life.

It is crushing to see the amount of refuse that has collected on the streets of our once pristine coastal city, much of which finds its way to the ocean.

Thank you,

Susan Burke

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From: Diana A <dra805@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:42 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: agenda item#7 sustainable materials management plan

Dear Councilmembers,

Please support the sustainable materials management implementation plan. Also pass an ordinance to ban single use plastic and styrofoam for restaurants and the sale of these items.

The ban on single use plastic can be done over a period of time working together with businesses. Many restaurants today have their own sustainability plan. When I order take out food in Carlsbad, I request no plastic bags or utensils. Today, there are several opportunities for restaurants/retail space to purchase sustainable products. It is critical that we reduce our plastic & styrofoam consumption.

Several of our north county neighbors such as Vista and Encinitas have adopted ordinances to ban single plastic use and we can use them as a starting point.

Carlsbad is moving in the right direction to protect our environment (example: joining the community choice energy initiative). However, more can be done to protect our environment and a ban on single plastic use & styrofoam ordinance will make a difference.

"If plastic production stays on its current trajectory, by 2030, **greenhouse gas emissions** from **plastic** could reach 1.34 billion tons per year, equivalent to the **emissions** produced by 300 new 500MW coal-fired power plants." [Columbia University, NY, Earth Institute: [More Plastic Is on the Way: What It Means for Climate Change | Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory \(columbia.edu\)](#) Feb, 2020]

Thank you,
Diana Aguirre
Carlsbad D3 Resident

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From: Ashley Giada <ash@cleaneearth4kids.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 12:08 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Item 7, Please Add a "Skip the Stuff" Ordinance to the Sustainable Materials Plan in Carlsbad

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please add a "Skip the Stuff" ordinance for single use plastics, like the city of Vista passed and the cities Oceanside and many other cities are working on. The city of Encinitas, Solana Beach and others have done important work to reduce and eliminate single use plastics and styrofoam, polystyrene. We must reduce plastics to protect water, health and future generations. Plastic utensils, straws, stirrers etc. should only be provided only when requested. Also please phase-out all polystyrene containers which has already been done in Vista, Encinitas, Del Mar and Solana Beach.

Thank you,

Ashley Giada

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From: Evelyn Lazalde <elazalde@ucsd.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:49 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Item 7, Please Add a "Skip the Stuff" Ordinance to the Sustainable Materials Plan in Carlsbad

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please add a "Skip the Stuff" ordinance for single use plastics, like the city of Vista passed and many other cities including Oceanside have been working on. The city of Encinitas, Solana Beach, and others have been doing important work to reduce and eliminate single use plastics and styrofoam, polystyrene. Reducing plastics is a must in order to protect our water, and health for future generations. Plastic utensils, straws, stirrers etc. should only be provided when requested, but we can also work on implementing sustainable alternatives. Also please phase-out all polystyrene containers which has already been done in Vista, Encinitas, Del Mar and Solana Beach.

Thank you,
Evelyn
Clean Earth 4 Kids

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From: Mandy Oliphant <oliphantfam@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 12:43 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Item 7: Sustainable Materials Management Implementation Plan

Dear Council Members,

I was so fortunate to grow up Carlsbad and still live in the area. When I attended CHS, I joined the Environmental Club and started to truly appreciate the beauty around us. I graduated in 1999, but haven't stopped this care for our surroundings.

As a coastal community, it is imperative that we take these precautions. For our younger generations, they need to see and learn how to do this. And, when tourists visit, they need to know that as a community we care. The Single-use Plastic Ordinance will undoubtedly move Carlsbad in the right direction and help us and others see the steps that cities around the country and world need to take.

I hope today goes well!

Sincerely,

Mandy Oliphant

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From: katrina olson <bolsonkat@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:24 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: plastic ordinance

Dear Council Members,

Plastic pollution is one of the biggest problems facing our world today. Plastic doesn't biodegrade. When it does break down — after a very long time, mind you — it turns into harmful nodules of microplastic. These microplastic motes find their way into waterways, where they are digested by other creatures, including humans. They sit in the gut, piling up and leeching harmful elements into the body.

Please pass a single-use plastic reduction ordinance that will phase out polystyrene (Styrofoam) food service-ware and will include providing straws, utensils, stirrers, etc. only upon request.

Thanks,

Katrina Olson

2051 Cima Ct, Carlsbad

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From: [Janis](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 7 — Sustainable Materials Management Implementation Plan
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:40:45 PM

Good afternoon, I am submitting the written comments below and would also like to speak on Item 7 during the meeting. Thank you!

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I have been cleaning Carlsbad beaches regularly for almost 8 years. In addition, I am a Surfrider San Diego Rise Above Plastics committee co-lead.

The first time I spoke about single-use plastics during a Carlsbad city council meeting was in February of 2019. That evening the City Council voted unanimously to place single-use plastics on the legislative platform. We are still advocating for change because the world's oceans continue to be inundated with an estimated 8,000,000 tons of trash annually, and it's not just polluting the ocean, micro-plastics have proliferated the most remote and pristine places around the planet and has entered the food chain with an average person ingesting what equals a credit card's worth of plastic every week.

The statistics are alarming, but I become even more alarmed when I clean the beach in Carlsbad and see the negative impacts firsthand. I am saddened by all the styrofoam bits, plastic straws, and other single-use items that I clean up off the beach. The strand-line is often covered with so much plastic debris that I can't even begin to clean it all up.

Because the climate emergency declaration is also on the agenda tonight, I would like to point out that a single-use ordinance would further support Carlsbad's CAP and would put action behind the adoption of the declaration because as a petroleum product, plastic has negative impacts at every stage. The damage begins with extraction and transportation continues during refining, and manufacturing, and it doesn't even end with disposal, because its degradation can take centuries. All of these processes contribute to climate change and are harmful to the environment and to human health.

I remain hopeful in spite of everything because positive changes are taking place. For example, many local jurisdictions are enacting ordinances to reduce single use plastic pollution. Vista recently passed an single-use plastic ordinance and Oceanside and San Marcos are moving forward as well. In addition, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, the City of San Diego and Imperial Beach have had ordinances in place for quite some time.

Carlsbad can help stop these harmful effects by joining the positive wave of change that is occurring. We are asking you to adopt the Sustainable Materials Management Implement Plan and to move forward with the single-use plastic policies outlined by staff. In addition, I urge you to direct staff to draft a "Skip the Stuff" ordinance immediately. Skip the Stuff policies are easy to implement and can have an immediate positive impact because it would simply require restaurants to provide utensil, straws, stirrers etc. only when requested.

As I mentioned, the first time I spoke to this Council about the plastic pollution problem was 2.5 years ago and the problem has only gotten worse since then. Please address this crisis with the urgency it requires.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Janis Jones

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From: Susan Attard <segattard@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:43 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Agenda item 7: Sustainable Materials Management Implementation Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

We are writing to voice our support of the pilot plan to "skip the stuff".
The idea is to quit automatically supplying single use plastic and environmentally detrimental food service items.

This proposal is sensible, directly involving the consumer in the choice to help reduce plastic and other waste. It does not impact business owners negatively, rather it frees them from the practice of automatically adding to the mountains of plastic waste we generate unnecessarily. It levels the field for owners by requiring that all follow the same guidelines.

We understand you are grappling with a more comprehensive plan to address material waste. In the meantime, we strongly urge you to take immediate action. Please implement a tried and true single use plastic ordinance that bans styrofoam, and requires plastic utensils, straws, condiment packets, and foodware accessories to be given only upon request by purchaser.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
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